## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEES

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Leadership Committee	Ann Desch, Chair  Dan Anderson, Helena  Chris Parson, Kalispell  Phil Belangie, Entrepreneur MT  Rebecca Hedegaard, Billings  John Balsam, MTIP Contractor**	Prepares and deploys strategic plan, address organizational issues and accreditation standards
Public and Private Funding Committee	Dan Anderson, Chair Rebecca Engum, Great Falls Ryan Hansen, Bozeman	Investigates Private Sector Funding to bolster Network operations Implements advocacy strategy for Legislative sessions
Marketing and Communications Committee	Rebecca Engum, Chair Rebecca Hedegaard, Billings Joe LaPlante, Havre Chris Parson, Kalispell Julie Jaksha, Butte	Communicates clear and consistent messages to stakeholders  Develops, revises and implements marketing plan  Evaluates, develops and recommends statewide client programs and training  Evaluates and recommends credible statewide programs and partnerships for high value ROI
Structure Committee	Ann Desch, Chair Rebecca Engum, Great Falls Joe LaPlante, Havre Rebecca Hedegaard, Billings John Balsam, MITP Contractor**	Develops an organization structure that aligns with resources available
Contracts Committee	Lori Gilliland, Chair Ryan Hansen, Bozeman John Donovan, SBA District Office Lorene Hintz, Wolf Point Brett Doney, GFDA	Develops clear and concise expectations and deliverables

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<b>Business Advisor</b>	Lorene Hintz, Chair	Evaluates and recommends
Professional	Rebecca Hedegaard, Billings	trainings, tools and products for professional development of SBDC Business Advisors
Development	Julie Jaksha, Butte	
	Rebecca Engum, Great Falls	
	Joe LaPlante, Havre	

<sup>\*\*</sup>SBDC Advisory Council Board Member

These committees will be permanent avenues for resolving network issues. The intent is that the committees will function to provide support and feedback to the lead center and that key objectives are communicated and maintained over time despite staff changes. In this way, new business advisors can more readily integrate themselves into the SBDC Network culture by orienting themselves to a narrower realm of issues and a smaller group of people, and hence be more proactive. This should foster a broader and deeper understanding of the operations and goals of the Montana SBDC program.

Note: The SBDC State Director, Associate Director, and Program Specialist will function as staff liasons to all committees.

## **SBDC Committees by Service Center**

Billings (4) Missoula / Bozeman (2) Butte (2)
Leadership Contracts Marketing

Marketing Funding Professional Development

Structure

Professional Development

Great Falls (4) Colstrip (0) Helena (2)

Funding Funding
Marketing Marketing
Structure

**Professional Development** 

Kalispell (2) Havre (3) Wolf Point (2)

Leadership Marketing Contract

Marketing Structure Professional Development

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